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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MEDICAL RESEARCH SPECIALISTS TO REPUBLIC
OF ZAIRE

1. US ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
(USAMRDC) DESIRES TO SEND A TEAM OF MEDICAL RESEARCH
SPECIALISTS TO REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE IN MAY 1973 TO FURTHER
DEVELOP THE LEADS FOR COLLABORATIVE MEDICAL RESEARCH
ESTABLISHED DURING VISIT MARCH- APRIL 1972 BY THREE DEPART-
MENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) MEDICAL SCIENTISTS.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION (ALL FROM WALTER REED INSTITUTE OF
RESEARCH (WRAIR):

A. LTC CARTER DIGGS, MC, US ARMY, PATHOLOGIST AND
TEAM LEADER.

B. LTC JAMES BURKE, MSC, US ARMY, PARASITOLOGIST.

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C. DR. RONALD WARD, DAC, GS-14, ENTOMOLOGIST.

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D. CPT WILLIS REID, MSC, US ARMY, PARASITOLOGIST.

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3. DURATION OF VISIT: 1 MAY 1973-15 JUNE 1973.

4. THE OBJECTIVES OF VISIT ARE TO OBTAIN PRELIMINARY

A. IS THERE TRANSMISSION OF MALARIA IN URBAN KINSHASA?

B. WHAT ARE THE VECTORS OF TRYPANOSOMIASIS IN THE ZAIRE RIVER BASIN?

C. WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS AS RESERVOIRS OF TRYPANOSOMIASIS?

THESE DATES CONVENIENT FOR UNDER SECRETARY WHO WILL BE IN PARIS FOR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING JUNE 6-8. (B) EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT IS NECESSITY FOR PROPER PREPARATION BY HLG MEMBERS PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING. DEPARTMENT IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED BY WANSINK AND OTHER

DELEGATIONS, REPORTED REFTEL, THAT IT MOST WORTHWHILE TO HOLD MEETING AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ENERGY MESSAGE IS DELIVERED AND OTHER OECD COUNTRIES HAVE HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO CONSIDER IT. WHILE DATE FOR MESSAGE TO BE MADE PUBLIC HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, IT IS LIKELY TO BE THIS WEEK. ASSURING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THIS CONSIDERATION CONSTITUTES ANOTHER IMPORTANT REASON TO RESCHEDULE MEETING. PROPOSED CHANGE OF DATES SHOULD BE USEFUL TO EC COUNTRIES AS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22.

3. WE APPRECIATE SECRETARY GENERAL'S CONCERN THAT HLG BE SCHEDULED PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ORDER TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, AS REPORTED SEPTTEL, US PREFERS DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ENERGY POLICIES AT MINISTERIAL WITH SPECIFIC ISSUES LEFT TO HLG. REVISED TIMING OF HLG CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY.

4. FOR THE HAGUE. YOU SHOULD INFORM WANSINK OF OUR REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF DATES AND URGE HIM COMMUNICATE HIS APPROVAL TO OECD. ROGERS

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